

## General Sanitation Division

### Program Operating Plan

<b>Program or Division Name</b>	General Sanitation Division
<b>Bureau</b>	Environmental Health
<b>Associateship</b>	Consumer Health Protection
<b>Program Purpose</b>	The General Sanitation Division's (GSD) purpose is to <b>ensure compliance with environmental health and sanitation laws and rules.</b> The program strives to make prevention the priority of community public health efforts.
<b>Major Responsibilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Institutional sanitation and youth camp inspection &amp; licensing</li><li>• Field sanitation, public lodging, public health nuisance, and migrant labor housing inspection &amp; licensing</li><li>• Recreational sanitation and public swimming pool &amp; spa sanitation</li><li>• Rodent &amp; vector control and noncommercial certified pesticide applicator licensing and inspection</li></ul>
<b>Population Served</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• State of Texas</li><li>• Regulated population of approximately 900 youth camps, 115 migrant labor camps, and 400 pesticide applicators.</li></ul>
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Program Objectives	
<b>Fiscal Year 2003 Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish regional inventories of establishments under the purview of GSD in order to determine the percentage of population receiving services.</li> <li>• Conduct educational seminars for the public and the regulated industry to establish better lines of communication and understanding of public health.</li> <li>• Revise the GSD compliance and enforcement process to include the issuance of notices of violations and the assessment of administrative penalties.</li> </ul>
<b>Services Provided/Activities</b>  <i>(Austin office), (regional offices), and (both) indicate where the activity takes place.</i>	Health Care Safety Net Services
	N/A
	Essential Public Health Services (EPHS)
	<b>No. 2. Diagnose and investigate community health problems and community health hazards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate complaints of noncompliance with state laws and/or rules particularly public health nuisances (both)</li> <li>• Inspect licensees, i.e., migrant labor camps, pesticide applicators, youth camps (both)</li> <li>• Inspect public schools, child care centers, correctional institutions, temporary places of employment, public lodging establishments, public swimming pools &amp; spas (both)</li> </ul>
	<b>No. 3. Inform, educate, and empower the community with respect to health issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct educational seminars for local health entities, the public, and the GSD regulated community (both)</li> </ul>
	<b>No. 6. Enforce laws and rules that support individual and community efforts to improve health</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enforce laws and rules through enforcement actions such as warning letters, reprimands, license suspension or revocation, license denial, assessment of administrative penalties (Austin office)</li> </ul>
	Administrative Activities
	N/A
<b>Program Evaluation</b>	Performance Measures

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Performance Measures: State	<p>Output Measures:</p> <p>1.1.3.1, Environmental Health, Number of Surveillance Activities Conducted</p> <p>1.1.3.2, Environmental Health, Number of Enforcement Actions Initiated. KEY</p> <p>Efficiency Measures:</p> <p>1.1.3.1, Environmental Health, Average Cost per Surveillance Activity. KEY</p>
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Performance Measures: Federal	N/A
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<b>Mandate/authority</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 42, Human Resource Code: Sanitation inspection of child care centers for the Texas Dept. of Regulatory and Protective Services</li> <li>• Chapter 76, Agriculture Code: Licensing of governmentally employed noncommercial certified pesticide applicators involved in health-related pest control</li> <li>• Chapter 141, Health and Safety Code: Inspection and licensing of youth camps</li> <li>• Chapter 147, Health and Safety Code: Inspection and licensing of migrant labor camps</li> <li>• Chapter 341, Health and Safety Code: Regulation of public health nuisances; public toilet facilities; public buildings; public swimming pools and bathhouses; public school buildings and grounds; tourist courts, hotels, inns, and rooming houses; sanitation at temporary places of employment</li> <li>• Chapter 751, Health and Safety Code: Regulation of mass gathering</li> </ul>
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<b>Origins of program (if no mandate)</b>	N/A
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<b>Program Rules</b>	<p>25 TAC, Chapter 265, General Sanitation</p> <p>25 TAC, Chapter 267, Pesticide Applicators</p>
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<b>Advisory Committee or Regulatory Board</b>	N/A
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